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of any State but his own from his want of local knowledge, but this volume contrasts most favorably with some specimens of book making endorsed "Reports," which are annually inflicted on the profession, sometimes "in single spies," but now and then "in battalions."

The Jurisdiction and Powers of the United States Courts and the Rules of Practice in the same, with notes and references by Stephen D. Law, Counsellor of the Supreme Court of the United State. Little & Company, Albany, 1852, pp. 845.

This book is well arranged and well executed, and must needs prove a useful one to the profession, and relieve the many difficulties experienced in arriving at a knowledge of the practice in the Courts of the United States. It is evident that labor and care have been bestowed in its preparation, and that the compilation has been a work of time and study. It may not be improper to add, that it has received the sanction of most of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, and many of the District Court Judges.

Commentaries on the Laws of England, in four books, with an analysis of the work, by Sir William Blackstone, Knt., one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, with the last corrections of the author, and Notes from the twenty-first London edition, with copious Notes explaining the changes in the law effected by decision, or statute down to 1844. Vol. 1 by J. F. Hargrave, of Lincoln's Inn; Vol. 2 by G. Sweet, of the Inner Temple; Vol. 3 by R. Couch, of the Middle Temple; Vol. 4 by W. N. Welsby, Recorder of Chester, together with Notes adapting the work to the American student, by John L. Wendell, late State Reporter of New York. New York: Harper & Brothers, Publishers. 1852.

This is, without question, now the most complete edition of Blackstone ever offered to the profession. In 1793, Mr. Christian edited and published the twelfth edition, and this, and the succeeding three editions by him, are among the best. In 1823, Mr. Justice Coleridge edited our author, and his edition is much commended by the profession. But, for fulness of annotation and citation of authority, the edition now before us is certainly superior to all its predecessors. It may be a question how far it is desirable to stuff an elementary book with numerous notes, but it is certain that the professional taste, or the devices of the booksellers, have settled the matter, and he, who should now venture to publish a legal classic in its original simplicity, would be a bold man.

The particular duties of Mr. Wendell seem to be performed in a satis-

factory manner; but we would venture to suggest to the publishers, that a due regard to the optic nerves of students and lawyers, would seem to demand a heavier and better paper than has been used in printing the copy on our table.

The Works of John C. Calhoun, Vol. 1. A Disquisition on Government, and a Discourse on the Constitution and Government of the United States, by John C. Calhoun. Edited by Richard K. Cralle. Published under the direction of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina. Columbia, S. C. Printed by A. S. Johnson. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1853. pp. 406.

It is creditable to the State of South Carolina, that her General Assembly should cause to be presented to the world the works of her most distinguished son, and one of the first statesmen that our country has yet produced. Both the Essays here given to the reader bear the marks of thought, and abound in expressions which indicate the peculiar habits and studies of a profound and original mind. The student of Political Philosophy and History will not fail to read and reflect upon the views here presented, and recur to both these disquisitions for instruction upon political topics, which have, in all ages, engaged the best attention, and commanded the first talents that have arisen under popular forms of government.